

BUSINESSMAN IN POLITICS

Some Pertinent Remarks Upon an Always Interesting Subject.

REVIEW OF LATE LOCAL POLITICAL HISTORY

Address by Edward Hoevwater, Editor of The Bee, at Meeting of First and Second Ward Citizens January 23.

There is an adage that a man's under-shirt is much nearer to him than his overcoat. For the same reason the affairs of our town are much nearer to us than the affairs of our state and the affairs of the state are much nearer to us than the affairs of our nation.

The cost to the taxpaying citizens of Omaha, for example, for maintaining local government and their share of taxes to defray the expenses of the public schools and county government is about \$500,000 per annum.

Where the Shoe Pinches.

Unfortunately, only a small proportion of citizens are thoroughly familiar with the machinery of government. Most of us do not understand where the "shoe pinches" are. We feel that they pinch, and as was once said to me by Senator Evans after I had made an appeal before a congressional committee and pointed out the comparative insignificance of the injuries inflicted upon the country by undesirable immigrants as compared with the general benefits, "I advise with you that you would not advise a man to cut off his foot to get rid of a corn on his toe."

School Board Hugshears.

When the members of the school board were cited to appear before the council, which had the right to investigate the conduct of any city officer charged with such grave offenses, they refused to appear. They said they must keep the information profoundly in the dark and only bring it forth in the light of day in the mysterious recesses of the grand jury room.

The grand jury has now completed its work and it reports that nearly every member of the school board has been subjected to a searching and thorough examination, but not one of them knew a solitary thing, not a scintilla of criminal shadow upon a public official was revealed through the board or any member thereof.

Consequently, the grand jury was compelled to declare that the school board has been whatever for these idle rumors well defined though they may have been. This little fishing excursion into the domain of the unknown has cost from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and will add just that much to the taxes of the people of this county, in order to gratify certain gentlemen who are anxious for a little political notoriety. It takes a good many small homes to pay a tax of \$3,000 to \$5,000, but the people will have to "grin and bear it."

The book-keeper's occupation renders him specially liable to stomach trouble. The hasty breakfast, the "quick lunch," the long hours spent in stooping over journal and ledger, with lack of exercise, all tend to the derangement of the stomach.

amounts dropped into that slot machine by the corporations. As a starter, a little purse, as I understand it, amounting to \$2,500 was sent down to Lincoln to help grease the rollers and start the wheels.

The gentleman from South Omaha. A few days ago the Commercial club had its annual banquet. Among the speakers selected for the occasion was a gifted, brazen-throated orator from South Omaha who responded to a toast on "Politics and Business."

"You who do not hesitate to risk upon your judgment the accumulations of a lifetime sometimes stand with fear and trembling before the authoritative assayer of public opinion, or the press. A broad and independent press is a power for good, but it is not a power for evil."

I have no doubt that the gentleman knew what he was talking about, so far as he himself was concerned. It is well known that he has never yet separated business from politics. (Laughter.) He did not separate business from politics when he presented Douglas to the legislature two years ago in the state legislature.

Sample of Business in Politics. In the early part of the session a bill passed the house abolishing the fee system in the office of the clerk of the district court. The bill as passed provided that the clerk shall have a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

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South Omaha's Business Charter. Last winter the statesman with the basso profundo voice appeared in a new role. He appeared at the legislature as the lobbyist for the allied corporations.

Omaha's City Government. There is always room for improvement in every institution and there is a great deal of room for retrenchment, improvement and betterment in the municipal government of Omaha, but for all that I am bold enough to say that the city government of Omaha has never been more efficiently conducted than it is today.

Too Many Impractical Reformers. Everything in connection with the machinery of the city government is in the main unassailable. The only difficulty we have is of a political nature. The government is republican and all the city employees are republican.

An Unwaranted Stigma. To stigmatize editors who have political ambitions with a lack of integrity is to practically strike at all editors that conduct political newspapers. The dangerous man in the newspaper business is not the editor, but the politician who uses the newspaper as a tool.

A Shelf-Worn Cry. In this connection let me refer to one incident. Of course you have for years heard the periodic outcry against the franchise. You have heard the business men advocate municipal ownership, when they should have known that the city is not in position to pay for the works, and under its contract could not acquire the works before the expiration of the twenty-year period, without paying for the franchise.

Secrecy of Independent Business Men. It is amazing that in an intelligent community that boasts so many really able business men, so few have an adequate comprehension of the machinery of government, that they can be so easily imposed upon.

RELIGIOUS. The next conference of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church has been set for May 1 at Chattanooga, Tenn.

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much money has been collected and how much disbursed, and in what banks the money is deposited. There may be just complaint about unscrupulous streets and more about that is not due to bad government, but to a lack of funds, due to systematic tax shirking.

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RUGS That were carpets— We've made up, during this month, a lot of short ends of carpets into rugs, we started at the finer end of the line and have made the Wiltons and Wilton Velvets up first. Will have about 150 on show Monday.

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